

Reissue of U.S. Patent No. 6,346,646
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

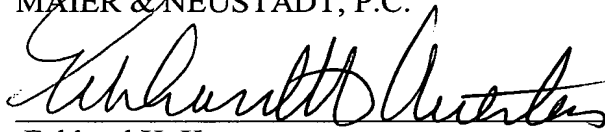
Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-32 are presently active in this reissue application, Claims 19-32 added by the present Preliminary Amendment.

Accordingly, examination on the merits is in order, and an early and favorable Office Action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE REISSUE APPLICATION OF :

Toru TAKEDA et al :

PATENT NO 6,346,464 :

ISSUED: February 12, 2002 :

FOR: MANUFACTURING METHOD
OF SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

STATUS OF CLAIMS AND SUPPORT FOR CLAIM CHANGES
UNDER 37 CFR §.1.173(c)

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In accordance with 37 CFR§1.173(c), the following is a statement of the status of the patent claims, and an explanation of the support in the disclosure of the patent for the changes made to the claims.

Claims 1-32 are present in the reissue patent application including original Claims 1-18 and new reissue Claims 19-32.

New Claims 19-32 are based on the issued Claims of U.S. patent 6,346,464, for which reissue is sought, as follows:

new Claim 19: issued Claim 2 + issued Claim 3 (with the term “uniform” omitted);

new Claim 20: new Claim 19 + issued Claim 4;

new Claim 21: new Claim 19 + issued Claim 5;

new Claim 22: new Claim 19 + issued Claim 6;

new Claim 23: new Claim 19 + issued Claim 7;

new Claim 24: new Claim 19 + issued Claim 8;

new Claim 25: new Claim 19 + issued Claim 11;
new Claim 26: issued Claim 2 + issued Claim 9 (with the term "uniform"
omitted);
new Claim 27: new Claim 26 + issued Claim 10;
new Claim 28: issued Claim 12 + issued Claim 13 (with the term "uniform"
omitted);
new Claim 29: issued Claim 14 + issued Claim 15 (with the term "uniform"
omitted);
new Claim 30: new Claim 29 + issued Claim 16;
new Claim 31: new Claim 29 + issued Claim 17; and
new Claim 32: new Claim 29 + issued Claim 18.

Omission of the term "uniform" is believed to be clarifying in nature insofar as the new claims state in independent Claims 19, 26, 28 and 29 the methodology for making target objects uniform.

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